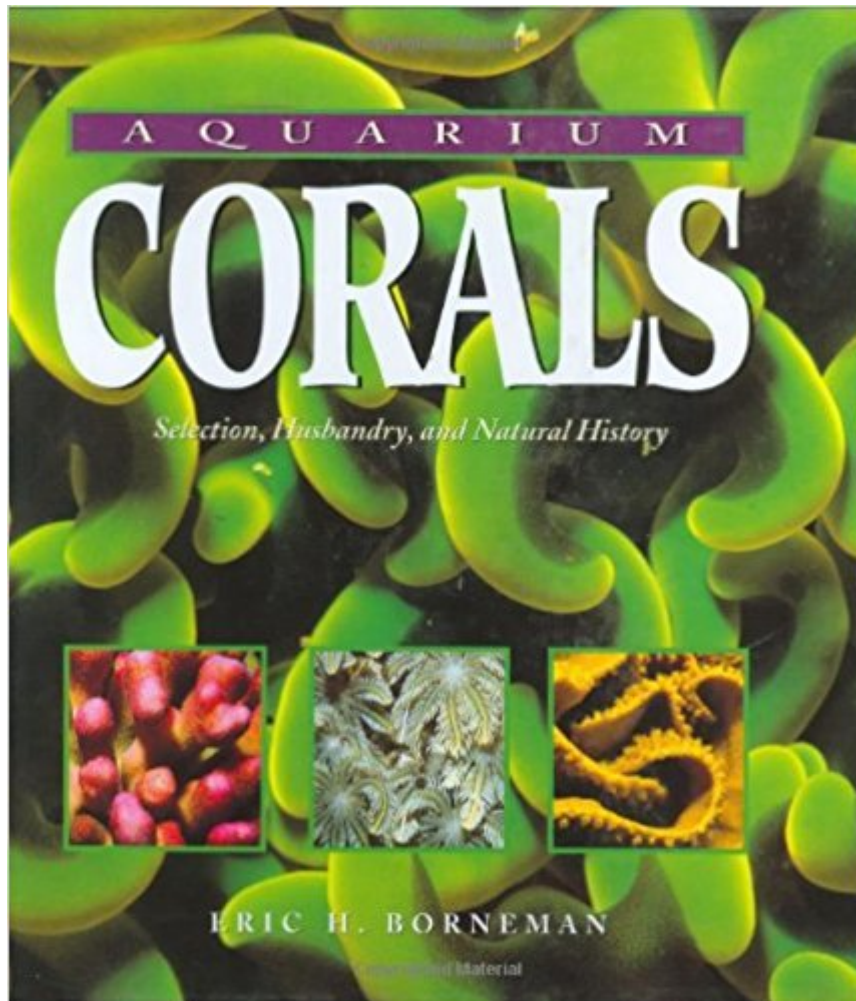


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Aquarium Corals : Selection, Husbandry, And Natural History



Synopsis

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Excellent book for the serious reef aquarist and anyone interested in corals. Provides technical, but easily understood information on the husbandry and care of these beautiful organisms in the home aquarium- from identification, propagation, lighting, and all techniques needed to keep these beautiful creatures not just surviving, but thriving in your tank. The information on stony corals, zoanthids, gorgonians, corallimorphians, and other cnidarians is exhaustive, but easily digestible by the normal aquarist. The book chapters are sensibly divided and there is so much wonderful information packed into each paragraph that it is difficult to stop reading it once you get started. The book introduces technical terms and defines them, even providing a pronunciation key for each genera. Nothing is forgotten. The photography is beautiful. The paper that it is printed on is thick, glossy, and weighty. All in all, this is one of those must-have books for the aquarist, especially those who are interested in reef keeping. For the first time marine tank keepers, I must add that this is one

of those books you must purchase to read to help prevent mishaps when first starting out. There are no questions left unanswered. For the advanced marine keepers, I think you will find this book a true gem, insightful and covers all those relevant propagation questions one might have. For your money, you will not find a better book!!!!

I cannot say enough positive things about this book. I have a significant collection of books on marine fish and reef aquariums, and this is easily one of the best I have. If you are planning to keep corals and are really serious, you should buy this book and follow Borneman's advice. The pictures are excellent, and the depth and intelligence of the coverage on everything from corallimorphs to stonies is exceptional.

Wow, what an awesome book. At first I thought it would be just another Coral ID book, but it is A LOT MORE! It's an easy reading text, while providing some good in depth technical meat. The pictures are top notch, and He actually has corals in there that I feel are common or have seen for sale in stores, yet no other book I have ever seen covers them, until now. Eric's experience and knowledge is top notch. He provides some really good information based on radical new discoveries as well as more current accepted practices etc. My advice: this is a must buy for any reef aquarist, both novice and expert. The information is modern and up-to-date. If you don't have time to read all the current information on reef aquariums and coral husbandry online on the Internet, you might want to get this book, as it will give you a nice summary of current information.

Hands down, the best coral (soft corals, hard corals, and coral-like such as mushrooms) reference in my library. I use other reference guides, but always come back to this book. It has the most complete discussions on corals available to the aquarist. It is much cheaper than other coral references I have, and I think this is superior.

I'm a marine biologist who has published many papers on the subject of corals and coral reefs. I picked up a copy of Borneman's book just to check out what is now available for the nontechnical reader and was delightfully surprised to see how complete and accurate this substantial volume is. It is well organized, very well written, and even includes some thoughtful environmental conservation perspectives oriented to the marine aquarist (for whom it should be the bible on coral husbandry). The pictures and illustrations are excellent, and the publisher has done a superb job bringing them to print. This book is a must have for anyone who loves corals and coral reefs.

Anyone seriously interested in corals, either from the standpoint of captive husbandry and propagation or the natural history of coral reefs has much to gain from this book. The photographs are spectacular and taxonomy and husbandry of both soft and stony corals are presented in detail for the aquarist. The book is a valuable tool and no reef aquarist would regret purchasing it.

This is THE book regarding corals. Perfectly planned, perfectly written. A complete marine biology course in one book! Coral history and husbandry are covered as well as an outstanding chapter on water chemistry. This book will tantalize both the beginner and expert aquarist with its wealth of information regarding corals, their biological requirements and aquarium care. Especially useful is the review of hundreds of different species and their specialized needs. You should never make that "mistake" purchase again! The book presents technical information in concise, easy to understand language. It even has a glossary at the end to help out with unfamiliar technical terms as well as a contact list! This book is a MUST HAVE for anyone who keeps corals at any level of the hobby. Period.

This is one of the best references on Aquarium Corals that I've ever read. The photos are splendid and accurately identified. This is far more than a reference book full of species ID's and keeping advice. It is so well written that it's hard to put down. Aquarium Corals is essential for anyone with an interest in mini-reefs, marine aquariums, and the natural history of corals.

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